

subject Office Action, the Applicant requests a timely mailing of an appropriate advisory action as to the status of the amendments proposed herein.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12, 14, 15 and 17-22 are currently pending in the present application. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner finally rejected all pending claims.

Applicant herein requests cancellation of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12, and 14 to put the application in better condition for appeal

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12, and 14 without prejudice.

REMARKS

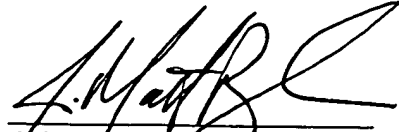
Applicant herein requests cancellation of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12, and 14, without prejudice. If the Examiner enters this proposed amendment, claims 15, 21, and 22 will remain pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's characterization of claims 15, 21 and 22 relative to the prior art. The Examiner has simply taken two pieces of art and combined them in an attempt to assemble the claimed invention. The cited art, taken together, does not disclose each and every limitation of the claims. Furthermore, a thorough review of the cited art reveals a complete lack of any motivation or suggestion to combine the cited references. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine these references at the time the invention was made. Furthermore, even if such a combination were made, these references, as indicated above, fail to teach all limitations of the claims.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication would facilitate the prosecution of this case, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the attorney at the number listed below.

The Applicant requests that you charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Matthew Buchanan", written over a horizontal line.

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